

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 11 - 2010 DECEMBER

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL FAMILIES

CLOSE DOWN FOR 2010

We would ask all families to collect their child by **2:45 pm on Friday 24th December.**

The centre will close at 3:00pm sharp

We have placed this notice in our newsletters, white board and daily board for the last 4 months for the convenience of all families.

The centre will reopen at 7.00am on Monday 10th January

FINAL FEE PAYMENTS for 2010

All Fees for 2010 will need to be finalised by Friday 17th December. This will allow for account keeping procedures to be finalised and Family assistance payments to be lodged for the end of the year for family entitlements.

All fees for the last week of attendance will need to be paid in full by the 17th December.

STAFFING – INSERVICES

Miss Amie has quickly settled into the possum's room and has been busy engaging the children in outdoor activities. Miss Maree recently attended an in-service on behaviour management. All staff will be provided with this feedback during our last staff meeting on Wednesday 1st December.

FAMILY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RAFFLE TICKETS

Monday 6th December - Blacktown Sportsman Club on Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Please purchase tickets no later than Friday 3rd December. (QIAS 1, 2, & 4)

A time of giving



At our Christmas concert we will be presenting 3 wonderful baskets to St Vincent's DePaul. We thank all our generous families for making this donation possible. It is great to see that the generosity of our families will have such a great impact on the lives of those in our community who need support over the Christmas holiday period. THANK YOU.

(QIAS1, 2 & 7) ELYF 2.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



We thank all families who have supported us with the Christmas raffle and ask that



all raffle tickets are returned to the centre no later than Friday 3rd December.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION Monday 13th December 7:00pm



All children attending kindergarten in 2011 will be formally farewelled on Monday 13th December at 7.00pm. We will have a formal graduation ceremony and this will be followed by a light supper to celebrate the children's success. We invite all families to participate in this ceremony and place this date in your diary NOW. A

commemorative CD will be available for purchase for \$10 on the night. (QIAS1, 2, 3 & 4) ELYF 3 & 4

CONFIRMATION OF DAYS FOR 2011 FINAL CHECK

The final changes have now been made for all families. Please be aware that we are bound by guidelines from Family Assistance in respect to providing days for working families or students first.

Any further changes to days will require two weeks notice. We ask that parents speak to John or Maree in respect to any further changes.

(QIAS2 & 7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

During the **MONTH of December** the **BUSY BEES** room will be learning and exploring:

1. **Charity (2 week program)**
2. **Christmas (2 week program)**

The **PLAYFUL POSSUMS** will be engaged in learning about:

1. **Celebrations (2 week program)**
2. **Christmas (2 week program)**

The BABY BUNYIPS

During the month of December the Bunyip's will be engaged in a variety of craft activities around the festive seasons. Miss Amanda and Miss Kimberley will continue to use a variety of textures in our craft activities and colour to stimulate the children's experiences.

(QIAS1, 2, 3 &4) ELYF 2; 4:5

FEES 2011 - Increases

A reminder to all families that Fees will be increasing in 2011. This Fee increase is due to the change in ratio and staffing qualifications. Baby fees will increase by \$6.00 a day, whilst the over 2 year group will increase by \$4.00. We recently hosted a meeting for owners of long day care centers in the area and we are still one of the lowest priced centers in the area. We have minimized increases as much as possible for all families. **0-2 years \$73 per day**
2-6 years \$63 per day (QIAS1, 2 & 7)



FEE RECEIPTS – NOVEMBER

The Monthly receipt statements for NOVEMBER are now located in the pigeon holes in the front foyer. December receipts will be provided

during the last week of the year. (QIAS 1, 2, & 7)

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Parents will be provided with these along with their child's portfolios commencing on Tuesday 7th December. Children commencing school in 2011 will receive their portfolios and reports on Monday 13th December on their graduation night.

(QIAS1, 2, 3 &4) ELYF :1;2; 3;4:5

GET ACTIVE SPORTS

Get active sports runs weekend programs for 3 to 8 year old children to teach skills in sports such as soccer, basketball, cricket, tennis and aussie rules. If parents would like further information please call 1300 772 106 or visit their website at www.getactivesports.com.au

PARENT FORUM

Our last Parent Forum was conducted on Wednesday 24th November a 6.00pm. We formally thank all our parents who have been supportive of the centre throughout 2011. We have included the minute of this meeting for all parents and invite parents to discuss any areas of concern with us at any time throughout the year.

CALENDAR EVENTS

DECEMBER

6th December Xmas Party 6.30 pm Blacktown Sportsman Club

13th December – Preschool Graduation Night 7.00pm

17th December All Accounts finalised for 2010

24th December Close 2.45 pm pick up ALL FAMILIES

JANUARY

10th –January Centre reopens for 2011

A FINAL THOUGHT:



The staff at JumpStart4 Kids would like to wish all our wonderful children and families a relaxing and peaceful Christmas. May the time spent with your children be fantastic and we now that all the children at Jumpstart 4 kids have been on Santa's good list.

We farewell our graduating children for 2010 and wish them the very best as they formally commence their compulsory schooling years. We would love to hear how the children are settling in to big school and we wish all our children and families the very best for 2010.

